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Applicant:	BUSSE ET AL.	Examiner:	BUI
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Title:	DISTRIBUTOR CONNECTION MODULE FOR TELECOMMUNICATION AND DATA TECHNOLOGY		

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 or a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

A copy of any foreign patent document or "Other Document" listed on the Form 1449 is enclosed, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2). Because this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. Patents and U.S. patent publications listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are not provided.

U.S. Patent No. 5,459,643 appears to relate to previously cited European reference EP 0651465. U.S. Patent No. 7,270,551 appears to relate to previously cited German reference DE 10029649 A1. English language abstracts also are being submitted herewith for previously cited references EP 0609552 A1, DE 10029649, and FR 2704360.

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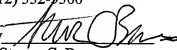
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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